

# The Righteous Will Live By Faith

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**Habakkuk 2:4** (NIV '84)

“See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright -  
but **the righteous will live by his faith**

## I. The First Question And Answer - Habakkuk 1:2-11

**Habakkuk 1:2-3** (NIV '84) How long, O LORD, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?

**Or cry out to you, “Violence!”**


but you do not save?

Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;

there is strife, and conflict abounds.

 **Habakkuk uses the terms ‘how long’ and ‘why’, but what he is really asking is ‘please stop’ the violence**

**Habakkuk 1:5-6** (NIV '84) Look at the nations and watch—  
and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe, even if you were told.

**I am raising up the Babylonians...**

 **God says He will stop violence in Israel by allowing the Babylonians to conquer Israel**

**Zephaniah 1:2** (NIV) “I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the Lord.

## II. The Second Question And Answer - Habakkuk 1:12-2:20

**Habakkuk 1:13, 17** (NIV '84) ...Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

**Is he to keep on emptying his net**, destroying nations without mercy?

 **Habakkuk is saying this solution does not do away with violence but rather increases violence**


**Habakkuk 2:3-4** (NIV '84) For **the revelation** awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false.

**Though it linger, wait for it;**

it will certainly come and will not delay.

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 **God is promising to end violence by the coming of one who will establish a kingdom without violence**

 **God is telling the prophet and all people that they must wait and believe until the revelation arrives**

## III. The Prayer/Psalm

**Habakkuk 3:16** (NIV '84) I heard and my heart pounded,  
my lips quivered at the sound;  
decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled.  
**Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity  
to come on the nation invading us.**

 **Habakkuk says he will wait and believe**

**God is calling us to wait and believe, too. God is calling all of us to live by faith.**

**This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):**

Sat Rest  Sun Luke 15:1-10; Ps 86-89  Mon Luke 15:11-32; Ps 90-95

Tue Luke 16:1-9; Ps 96-102  Wed Luke 16:10-18; Ps 103-105

Thur Luke 16:19-31; Ps 106-107  Fri Luke 17:1-10; Ps 108-114  Sat Rest

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